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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren Chairwoman House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship 2138 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Private Bill for the Relief of Mr. Jaime Avalos Rosales

## Chairwoman Lofgren:

I write to you today in support of my constituent, Mr. Jaime Avalos Rosales, and to request your consideration of my legislation, H.R. X, a Private Bill granting relief in his immigration case.

Based on the information provided to my office per the constituent, Mr. Avalos Rosales was born in Mexico but has lived in the United States since 1996, when he arrived as an infant. Since his arrival in the U.S., Mr. Avalos Rosales has been a stable and productive member of society. Mr. Avalos Rosales began working immediately after graduating from Bellaire High School in 2014, and he has remained employed ever since. In 2019, Mr. Avalos Rosales married Ms. Yarianna Martinez Viveros, a U.S. citizen. In December 2021, the couple welcomed their son into the world, Noah Blake Avalos, in Houston, Texas. Mr. Avalos Rosales and his wife are parishioners of Holy Catholic Church in Missouri City, Texas, which they frequent with their family.

Mr. Avalos Rosales has been a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipient, but Ms. Martinez Viveros filed a family-based petition on Mr. Avalos Rosales' behalf to obtain his lawful permanent residency through the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. In August 2022, Mr. Avalos Rosales attended his interview at the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez expecting to return to his family as a lawful permanent resident. During his consular interview, it was revealed to Mr. Avalos Rosales in 2002, his mother and adoptive father took him back to Mexico to register his birth in Oaxaca. Although Mr. Avalos Rosales was just seven years old at the time of this trip and has no recollection of it, his departure from and return to the U.S. triggered an automatic 10-year ban from re-entering the U.S. This ban is triggered when an individual resides in the U.S. for more than one year, departs the country and then reenters. Unfortunately for Mr. Avalos Rosales, he had no control over the circumstances of his travels, but due to current immigration laws he could now be separated from his wife and child for the next 10 years.

Mr. Avalos Rosales' predicament necessitates immediate relief through an act of Congress. Mr. Avalos Rosales has an American wife and child in the United States. Other than the fact of his birth, he has no relation to Mexico. The Private Bill which I recently introduced would allow Mr. Avalos Rosales to stay in the United States as a permanent resident. If we do not act, Mr. Avalos Rosales will remain separated from his family for at least 10 years. His wife and infant child will be forced to sell their home to avoid foreclosure, as Ms. Martinez Viveros will not be able to afford the house without Mr. Avalos Rosales' assistance.

I respectfully request that you review the circumstances of Mr. Avalos Rosales' case and consider taking up my legislation, H.R. X, to provide him with the relief that he needs. I have attached all requested materials outlined in the rules of procedure for the Committee on Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. If you need any additional information about Mr. Avalos Rosales, or if my office can assist you and the Committee in anyway, please contact my Chief of Staff, Niha Razi, at Niha.Razi@mail.house.gov or at 202-225-7508.

I thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Al Green

Member of Congress